

HARRY K. THAW A COSTLY PRISONER

Family Has Spent \$1,000,000 and State \$350,000.

HIS FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM.

All Thus Far Have Been Unsuccessful, but He Declares He Will Have a Trial Every Year Until He is Set Free—Review of His Case.

It has cost New York county \$350,000 to put Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, in Matteawan and keep him there. In his fight to get out Thaw has spent between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000. The true amount will never be known, because much of the expense was for secret work. Attorney Clifford W. Hartridge, who afterward was tried for his actions in the Thaw case, is said to have spent \$30,000 in the Tenderloin "squaring Harry" with women.

The first trial began Jan. 23, 1907, and lasted seventy-nine days. Court expenses were \$500 a day. The state's alienists received \$23,000. The jury was housed and fed at a cost of \$1,500 a week. Witness fees and care of witnesses cost \$5,000 more. When the jury, after forty-eight hours, returned a disagreement the state had spent for nothing a trifle more than \$100,000.

Thaw had given Hartridge \$104,000, and that attorney entered suit for \$50,000 more. Delphin M. Dolmas was paid \$40,000. Other lawyers received sums from \$15,000 up. Lawyer Gleason is said to have received \$80,000.

Second Trial Cost State \$100,000. Then came the second trial, which cost the state another \$100,000. At the end of this trial he was adjudged insane.

In 1909 Thaw began another fight for freedom before Justice Mills at White Plains. The state won and Thaw stayed in Matteawan. Cost to the state, about \$45,000; to Thaw, more than \$100,000.

Two years passed and Thaw declared he should have another hearing. He had more alienists ready to testify.

The alienists recalled the first trial, when ten of District Attorney Jerome's alienists presented bills for their services in the following amounts:

Dr. Carlos F. McDonald..... \$5,390
Dr. Austin Flint..... 5,375
Dr. William Mahon..... 2,987
Dr. Robert Kemp Coleman..... 2,102
Dr. A. R. Diefendorf..... 2,297
Dr. William B. Fitchard..... 695
Dr. William Hirsch..... 695
Dr. Albert Warren Ferris..... 545
Dr. R. A. Witham..... 120
Dr. August Hoch..... 135

Jerome's alienists at the first trial could not make an examination of Thaw. They sat in court and observed him at \$150 an hour.

In the recent hearing, which resulted in Thaw being declared still insane, 775,000 words of testimony were taken. This makes 3,500 typewritten pages. In book form it would make eighty novels the size of the best sellers.

The alienists' bills amount to more than \$12,000 for a few days' attendance and the presentation of conflicting testimony. William Travers Jerome is to receive \$10,000 from the state, it is said. The witness fees, costs of court and other items will make the trial cost to the state in excess of \$50,000. What the cost is to the Thaw family no one knows. In previous trials it has always been twice the cost to the state.

Ill Fortune of Lawyers.

Nearly every lawyer connected with the case on Thaw's side has met with ill fortune. Dan O'Reilly was arrested in connection with the theft of securities and his career blasted. Clifford W. Hartridge escaped disbarment by one vote following his demand for \$50,000 more from Thaw. Delphin M. Dolmas has hardly been heard of in the

east. He came as the Demosthenes of the west and his oratory flowed and flowered until the courtroom rang. He coined the famous plea "Demontia americana," and his name was heralded everywhere. The Thaw trial was the last of his great ones.

A. Russell Peabody, associated in Thaw's defense, is dead.

Thaw's mother, a pitiable broken figure, is using the greater part of what fortune she has left to help him in his fight.

And Evelyn Thaw, the cause of it all, just testified against her husband. She has said she would like to see him remain in Matteawan for life.

But Thaw will not remain in the prison for the criminally insane if he can help it. He will fight again, he declared, and such a fight will cost another fortune.

Thaw has said, "I will have a trial every year until I am set free." If he gets it he will be the most expensive prisoner in the history of the world.

COST OF DEATH CHAIR \$65,000

In 22 Years 155 Men Have Been Executed in New York.

With the putting to death in the week of Aug. 12 of nine murderers in the electric chair New York state will have expended about \$65,000 in carrying out the death penalty since the present law went into effect twenty-two years ago.

Up to the present time 155 men have been sent to the electric chair in this state. Electrician E. F. Davis receives a fee of \$250 for each execution, and an assistant is paid \$50. The traveling and hotel expenses of both are paid.

AMERICAN WOMEN IN HUNT FOR PIRATE GOLD.

Head an Expedition to Costa Rica in Search of \$10,000,000.

Seeking \$10,000,000 in buried silver and gold, the board of the pirate Bombosa, a party of Englishmen and Americans, led by two young women, have reached Cocos Island, off the Costa Rica coast. The woman leaders are Miss Barrittely and Miss Georgianna Davis. Miss Barrittely is said to know the location of the treasure.

Anticipating trouble and possibly an armed effort to take the treasure from the foreign adventurers if they should recover it, the government has sent a company of soldiers to the lonely island and holds others available for use on short notice. The government has granted a concession to Miss Barrittely and associates and will get part of the bullion.

Miss Barrittely recently spent some time upon the island, and her friendship to a dying half breed is said to have resulted in his giving her a map showing where the pirates cached their booty. The young woman at first thought the map useless, but investigation showed that it tallied remarkably with old manuscripts bearing upon Bombosa's career, and she succeeded in convincing the other members of the expedition. Miss Barrittely is said to believe that the work will consume less than a month.

AN AVIATOR OF 2000 B. C.

Engraving on Stone of Old Babylonian Times.

Probably the oldest representation of flying men is that engraved on one of the Babylonian stone seals in the Berlin Asiatic museum.

This seal dates back to at least 2000 B. C. From the characters depicted it is surmised that the work is of about the period 2800 B. C.

The tale illustrated is of Etana sitting on an eagle and flying from earth to heaven. Beneath Etana are a man with uplifted hand and dogs looking up, on the left a shepherd and his flock, at the top left corner a potter at work and beyond a baker baking cakes.

In the story it is stated that Etana looked down, and on the seal is represented by the artist what the passing life was as he actually saw it—an old, old story, since told otherwise and elsewhere by many an original writer, as

for instance, by Le Sage of "Ariodocus, le Diable Boiteux."

It has been a long way from Etana through Icarus and Lucian and Poe to Grahame-Walke, but this old stone cameo shows that even these seers saw the vision of the world and all the wonder that would be. And there is still a long way to look forward to carry forward Rossetti's version of the bird man of Nineveh:

We stare above from herb and rut
And see against the dawn about
Strong men a-wing, with vans that jut
Like those on friezes quaintly cut
In long millenniums bygone.
We follow flights that have been erst
To pass till on our sight shall burst
That last developed from the first,
That best evolving from the worst.
New London from old Babylon.

MAKES BOY GROW 7 INCHES.

Thyroid Extract Enables Lad to Pass Academy Test.

Dr. George Alexander Gibson, the famous physician, lecturer and author of many works on various diseases, narrated at a meeting of British medical men at Liverpool a remarkable instance of treatment with thyroid extract.

A boy of eighteen who was anxious to enter Woolwich Military academy was debarrued on the ground that he was too small in stature, being an inch less than five feet.

Dr. Gibson treated him with the thyroid extract, and in six months he grew seven inches and gained a high place at his entrance.

An examination showed that his cerebral functions had not been disturbed.

BABY WEIGHS 77 POUNDS.

Ped on Diluted Whisky, Child Fifteen Months Old Reaches Amazing Size.

What is believed to be the largest baby in the world belongs to Jesse Fox and wife of Joplin, Mo. The baby is fifteen months old and weighs seventy-seven pounds. It is well proportioned and can wear a No. 8 hat and No. 8 woman's glove.

The parents say they have fed it diluted whisky since it was two weeks old. It consumes a wineglass of whisky daily, besides any other food it wants. The mother is five feet three inches tall and weighs 102 pounds. The father is a farmer, six feet two inches tall, and weighs 200 pounds. The child weighed three pounds at birth, but started to grow rapidly when two months old.

FIRST WHITE MAN ON WAY.

H. G. Bryant Takes New Trail on the Labrador Shore.

Henry G. Bryant, president of the Philadelphia Geographical society, left recently on an expedition for the exploration and mapping of the St. Augustine river, entering the gulf of St. Lawrence at St. Augustine, Labrador, and traversing a country never yet penetrated by white men.

Russell W. Porter, who has had experience in Greenland, Alaska and Franz Josef Land, accompanies Mr. Bryant as topographer.

Bryant is familiar with Labrador, having been the first white man to measure and photograph the Grand falls and Hamilton river many years ago.

SAUNDERS REINSTATED.

Midshipman Had Been Dismissed From Naval Academy For "Inaptitude."

Midshipman William H. Saunders, who was dismissed from the Naval academy on Sept. 6, 1911, on the ground of "inaptitude for the naval service," is to have another chance to become an officer. The charge was that he was refractory and not amenable to discipline. Immediately upon his dismissal he took the case up with Representative Asbury F. Lever of South Carolina, who promptly reapointed him to the vacancy which his dismissal created. Captain John H. Gibbons, superintendent of the academy, refused to pass favorably upon the nomination. Both United States senators from South Carolina and Representative Lever called upon the president several times in behalf of the dismissed midshipman, and a few weeks ago the three, accompanied by the young man, went to Annapolis and interviewed Captain Gibbons. The interview was in a measure satisfactory, but it did not guarantee the readmission of Saunders, which was the supreme end in view.

Recently the senators, with Representative Lever and Saunders, made an appeal to the president, with the result that the president called into conference Assistant Secretary Winthrop. The outcome is that Saunders is reinstated, not to his former place, but is given the right to take the initial examination. He was appointed to the Naval academy from South Carolina on July 3, 1900, and was a member of the third class when dismissed.

A Fish Story.

Pike are supposed to live longer than any other fish. Gesner relates that in 1497 a pike was caught in Suabia with a ring attached, inscribed, "I was first put into this lake by the hands of the governor of the universe, Frederick II, Oct. 5, 1230." This is the fish's story.

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R. W. RAYMOND, Adm'r.
Sherman, Pa., July 1, 1912.

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